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PLEASANT FIELDS OF HOLY WRIT

Save for my daily range
Among the pleasant fields of Holy Writ,
I might despair.
—Tennyson
International Sunday-School Lesson.

First Quarter. Lesson XII. March 23.
Ephesians V. 11-12.

SELF-CONTROL.

Q. 10. Vadis gives us a faithful picture of the state of Roman society at the dawn of christianity. It is vivid, photographic. And the conditions maintaining in the metropolis were reproduced in the provinces. Greek and Roman morals were alike—both at the lowest possible ebb. The Orphean, Elysian and Bacchanalian mysteries were inconceivably impure. In the temple of Diana at Ephesus there were a thousand priestesses whose ritual was prostitution. The classic writers of the period, without intending it, convict their age of incredible abominations.

On this rotting dunghill of current civilization christianity bled like a white and fragrant lily. It held a standard not dreamed of before, which taught that one must not merely not do evil, but must not even appear to be or think evil. It raised a clear, uncompromising protest against sin. It walked in light, and kept itself unspotted. In the midst of a crooked and perverse generation it shone as a light, and held forth the Word of Life.

Paul, himself the Roman citizen, the wide and observant traveler, was the most fearless and forceful among the christian critics of heathen immorality. He threw the gauntlet of his invincible logic down before the famed and prized mysteries—the holy of holies of classic heathenism. He declared the things done in these mystic rites under cover of night to be so vile that it would be an offense against modesty to mention them; that the heathen justified their crimes by examples of the crimes of their gods, to celebrate and portray which the mysteries were instituted.

In a general way the epistle

represents the gospel as personified and calling to a lethargic world. Christ shall shine on thee: The figure is that of the landscape illuminated by the break of day. Circumspect, accurate in your manner of life, looking all around you in your walk. Redeeming the time: Buying it up in advance, to have it in store. Be not drunk: Bacchanalian rites condemned. Wherein is excess: Dissoluteness, a course of life destitute of good intention. Singing to each other: Antiphonally, chanting responsively. Psalms: The psalms of David. Hymns: Improvised, impromptu, joyous, rhythmic utterances. Odes: Studied poetic compositions. Making melody: Keeping time and tune to the music of the heart. In the name: Everything a christian does is to be done in the name of the Lord. (Col. iii, 17.) Submitting: Respect for authority; submitting cheerfully to those who bear it lawfully in church and state is a clear mark and characteristic of the christian.

THE TEACHER'S LANTERN.

The epistle to the Ephesians is not the epistle to the Ephesians! Paradox! Yes, but probably true. In the oldest manuscripts of the New Testament, such as the one in the pope's library, called Vaticanus, and the one discovered by Tischendorf in the monastery on Mt. Sinai, and called Sinaiticus, the words "at Ephesus" (i. 1.) do not appear in the text, but in the margin, and by a later hand. The internal evidence against the Ephesian destination is: (1) The epistle contains no personal greetings, although Paul lived three years in Ephesus. (2) Could not describe the Ephesian church as one of whose conversion he knew only by report. (3) (4) Could not describe the Ephesian church as knowing him to be an apostle by hearsay only. (iii, 2.) (4) Could not describe the Ephesian church as being Gentile exclusively. (ii, 11; iv, 17.) In explanation some affirm this to be the epistle to the Laodiceans (Col. iv, 16), which is otherwise lost; others, that it is an encyclical which went possibly first to the Church at Ephesus, or which was issued in duplicate.

The question of immediate destination of the epistle is, however, largely a question of curiosity, not affecting in any way the authenticity, genuineness, or value of the writing. Its style is described as exceedingly elevated. Its utterances are sublime and copious. It is written in a rapture. It expresses sublime matters in words more sublime than are found elsewhere. Scientific exposition and dialectic development are not attempted. It is, rather, the expression of thoughts roused in a praying soul, and uttered with continuing emotion. One can not read it without being roused as by a trumpet.

The motif of the epistle appears to be the identification of the long-sought ethical cosmos with the Christian church. The ideal of the republic of God, so ardently aspired for by the best souls in all ages, is realized in the commonwealth of christian disciples.

Lange admirably analyzes Chapter v. Three points of view for the new walk. Chapter v. 1-14: (1) Look above thyself to follow God. (1, 2.) (2) Look into thyself, and think of purity. (3-5.) (3) Look above thyself, and be independent and benevolent. (6-14.)

Notice Change of Price.

An Easter offering, entitled "The Angel's Answer," by Arthur Trevelyan, opens the March number of the J. W. Pepper Piano Music magazine. It is of unusual excellence, and is supplemented by another, "How Can I Serve Thee Best, O Lord?" by Evelyn Herbert. These two songs are alone worth twice the price of this number. It also contains 22 pages of the most entertaining musical literature and ballads, which with its 21 complete pieces for the piano—10 songs, 11 instrumental—gives those who purchase it several times the worth of their money. 25 cents. For sale by all newsmen. The publishers of this magazine have decided to reduce the price for all future numbers to 10 cents, \$1.00 a year. It is a good move.

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Southeast Missouri News.

Senath, Dunklin county will establish a bank with a capital of \$10,000.

The Dunklin County Mail says Houch will build a railroad from Gibson to Malden.

Rev. T. A. Bowman has bought the Fredericktown Tribune. We wish him success in his new field of labor.

About two weeks ago the coffee-box and barrel factory at Poplar Bluff was destroyed by fire. Loss about \$30,000.

Kennett capitalists have taken the matter in hand of connecting Malden and Kennett by steel rails, and they are pushing the project through.

Morehouse is going to build a new city hall and jail on the same lot. The building is to be of brick, about the first brick building in the town.

In the fourteenth district the candidates for congress are assessed \$250 each for the purpose of paying the expenses of holding the elections. In the thirteenth each candidate has to pay \$500 for this purpose.—Bollinger County Times.

The Frisco has been named the "No-to-bac line" since the general order has been issued prohibiting the use of the weed in any form by its uniformed trainmen in the passenger service and by station employees. Many Missouri papers are commending the Frisco management for issuing the order and it would have been a little more satisfactory to the general public if the rule had been made to apply to the depot loafers and loungers as well.—West Plains Gazette.

A mass meeting was held last week in Van Buren, Carter county, to investigate and determine the condition of the drought-stricken farmers in that vicinity. A committee of five leading citizens was appointed to make an investigation, and they report quite a number of families in destitute circumstances and who are not able to help themselves. The local committee is unable to raise sufficient money to relieve the suffering and solicit help from outside the county. A. S. J. Lehr, representative, is secretary of the committee.

THAT person or those persons who think that they can influence some municipal body or corporation to give its printing business to some other county paper, and then quit the HERALD, should get angry with \$5 or \$6, might get mistaken? We allow everyone to use their own judgment. We remember one time in the past a \$5 bill was tendered us to act contrary to law and there was no action. The HERALD don't know much and probably is very soft and simple in the eyes of some politicians, but just watch and see if we are not right some of the time. We believe we can so act that we shall have the confidence of the people, and that is all we want—the rest will follow.

SOME who are apposed to primaries claim that should we have primaries all the candidates for office would come from the Cape and Jackson. We don't agree on this for we believe even if these towns could do this they surely would not act so domineering. We again express our faith in the people doing the right thing. As to that Jackson and Cape furnish about eighty of the hundred and sixty delegates to the convention, and if they were hoggish they could capture two or three delegates and run the whole thing any way.

Our days are comparatively few, and we live through each day only once. Therefore, it behooves us to make each day worth while.—Ladies' Home Journal.

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Needs of Country Schools.

In Prof. N. B. Henry's withdrawal from the race of state superintendent of public schools he has this to say in part:

"The rural schools ought to be improved, not by the dazzle of red tape, but by lengthening the terms and raising the qualifications of the teachers. The normal schools, the real climax to the public school system, ought to have their field enlarged and improved. The country school commissioners, who have been reduced to little more than secretaries of the state superintendent, away from headquarters, and without pay, ought to have imposed upon them such duties as would render their services efficient, and for such services they ought to be paid."

The professor has thrown out some pointers that would do to think on. We have heard for years that our district schools should have longer terms, better teachers, and a more uniform course of study, but as yet our law makers and those in authority on school matters have done very little in that direction. The examination for teachers' certificates seems to be getting more machinery attached to it, but very little more efficient work. Yes, our county commissioner system is practically no good, our schools are doing good work—some of them—but many of our district schools in the state are still behind, and the money paid for teaching some of them is almost thrown away. Let us have something substantial in the way of school legislation that will truly educate the masses.

A thing is never worth while doing if it does not do us some distinct good, if it does not make us better, whether spiritually, mentally or physically.—March Ladies' Home Journal.

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Dental Notice.

I will visit the following named towns on the following named dates: Oak Ridge, Monday forenoon, March 24. Pocahontas, Monday forenoon, March 31. Jackson, Monday forenoon, April 7. And will remain at each place one week. Dental work in all its branches. Teeth extracted without pain. Respectfully, L. P. RUFF, Dentist.

Missouri Politics.

A correspondent to the St. Louis Globe-Democrat from Cape Girardeau says:

"It has leaked out that J. M. Seibert met with a decided turnaround at the meeting of the democratic central committee at Jackson Friday. Cape Girardeau being Seibert's home county, he purposed to start into the spring campaign with things fixed here to suit himself and the crowd with which he is working, and accordingly early in January he appeared at Cape Girardeau in company with Judge Fox and laid his plans for capturing the county. A minority of the county committee was hastily called together and township mass meetings ordered to elect delegates to a county convention to be held early in March. This convention was to elect delegates to both of the state nominating conventions, and as the people of Cape Girardeau county have hardly begun to discuss politics yet, this move would have allowed Seibert to accomplish a number of things: (1) By selecting delegates to the county convention by mass meetings, he could pack the convention and name his own men to both state conventions; (2) he could select delegates to the state judicial convention favorable to Fox and thus hold the delegation as a club over Fort and his friends in other counties in the southwest; (3) with a delegation for Fox and the judgeship question settled in the county, he could make war more openly on Vandiver than he is now doing, as many of Fox's friends in the counties are also favorable to Vandiver, and would support Fort if they knew that Seibert was pushing Russell's candidacy for congress.

"So far, so good. This all looked innocent like and promised to turn out as the great Warwick of the southeast meant it should. But, after a little, some of Vandiver's friends began to smell a mouse. They put their heads together and drew some conclusions that had some decided results. The chairman of the county committee was seen, the county committee called together, their former action reconsidered, and a county convention to select delegates to the state conventions was called to meet on May 31. A general primary was also called for May 4, at which it was ordered that the names of all candidates for congress, supreme judge, railroad and warehouse commissioner, state superintendent of public schools and United States

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senator should be placed on the tickets, the candidate receiving highest vote in the county to receive the support of the delegates selected at the county convention a week later!

"The fat is in the fire! The castles in Spain have come tumbling to the ground, and he who is attempting to play dictator to the democratic party in Missouri finds out that he is not boss in his own county. Whereat there is bitterness of spirit and ineffectual rage among the supporters of the machine in Cape county, but the plain people from way-back are laughing in their sleeves."

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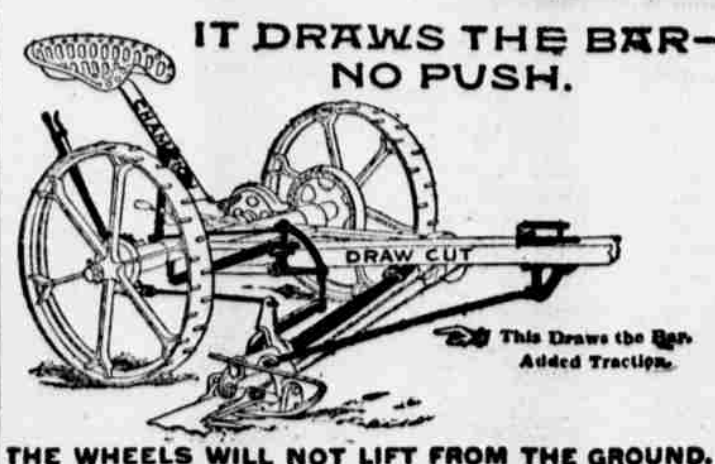
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